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SUBJECT: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

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1. NEGOTIATIONS ON AWLF/WCI MERGER BEING CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON AND ARE IN ADVANCED STAGE FOR APPROVAL AWLF BOARD MEETING NOV. 14.

2. INITIATIVE FOR MERGER CAME FROM WCI WHICH, I SUSPECT, HAS FOUND RAISING THE SORT OF MONEY REQUIRED FOR EITHER THE ZAMBEZI OR BANGWEULU PROJECTS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE IN PRESENT STATE OF WORLD AND U.S. ECONOMY.

3. FOR MY PART I HAVE INSISTED THAT WCI GIVE US ASSURANCES ALL THEIR COMMITMENTS TO GOZ ARE RESOLVED AMICABLY PRIOR TO MERGER. AWLF CANNOT AND, I BELIEVE, AS PRIVATE U.S. ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MANAGE A NATIONAL PARK IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THE CONCEPT ITSELF IS UNWORKABLE AND WOULD I FEAR IN THE END RESULT IN UNNECESSARY FRICTIONS AND HENCE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE IN OVERALL U.S. LONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERM INTERESTS. INDEED, THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE THE ACTUAL

SITUATION NOW.

4. AT THE SAME TIME I AM VERY HIGH ON ZAMBIA WHICH HAS DONE ONE OF BEST JOBS ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ON THIS CONTINENT. THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A WAY CALCULATED IN MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO U.S. IMAGE AS WELL AS AVOID DISCOURAGING GOZ COMMENDABLE CONSERVATION EFOORTS. WITHOUT KNOWING ANY DETAILS OF BANGWEULU PROPOSALS OR COUNTER PROPOSALS IT IS DIFFICULT MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS BUT AWLF COULD CERTAINLY HELP THROUGH CONTACTS IUCN, UNDP/FAO, ETC. TO GET GOZ THE KIND OF HELP THEY NEED.

5. I URGE DEPT. CONTACT IMMEDIATELY AWLF VICE-PRES. JOHN RHEA AND SHOW HIM THIS TRAFFIC. I WILL TRY TO ALERT HIM TO PROBLEM BY TELEPHONE TODAY.
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